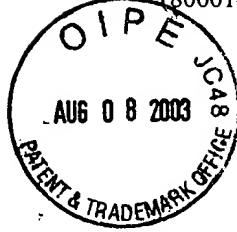


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003 (Paper No. 4), finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-16, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

**ABSTRACT**

There are no amendments to the abstract.

Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

**CLAIMS**

There are no amendments to the claims.

A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.